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Analyzing "Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies"

Did you know that food advertising can sometimes make a food sound more nutritious than it really is? You need to take a close look at the food label to determine if the food lives up to the advertising claims.

DIRECTIONS

Read the advertisement for "Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies." (It's made up, by the way.) Next, study the *Nutrition Facts* label for this product and answer the questions below.

WHAT THE ADVERTISEMENT SAYS:

Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies give your body a high-energy boost. They are bursting with FRUIT flavor and wholesome goodness. Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies make a Fruity-licious Nutritious Treat!!

Nutrition Facts Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies Serving Size 15 pieces Servings Per Container 1 Amount Per Serving Calories 120 Calories from Fat 0 % Daily Value* Total Fat 0g Saturated Fat Og 0% Trans Fat Og Cholesterol 0 mg Sodium 45 mg 2% Total Carbohydrate 29g 10% Dietary Fiber Og 0% Sugars 23g Protein 1g Vitamin A 0% Vitamin C 0% Calcium 0% Iron 0% *Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000-calorie diet.

WHAT THE LABEL SHOWS:

Ingredients:
High-fructose
corn syrup, sugar,
gelatin, fruit juice
concentrate,
artificial flavorings,
artificial colorings.

1.	The ingredients listed on a food label are listed from most to least. Look at the ingredient label for Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies. How many of the first three ingredients are forms of sugar? Are any of the ingredients listed a source of real fruit?
2.	Real fruit and 100% fruit juices tend to contribute vitamins A and C to the diet. Are Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies a good source of either of these vitamins?
3.	Do you think that Frooty-Tooty Fruitsies are a "Fruity-licious Nutritious" treat? Why or why not?
4.	Can you think of an example of a food advertisement that you have seen that makes misleading claims about nutrition? Describe it below.